

PRAYER for HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, as we prepare to enter
this sacred and solemn time
when we see again the depth
and mystery of your love for us, help us:
to follow where you go,
to stop where you stumble,
to listen when you cry,
to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die;
so that, when you are raised to life again,
we may share in your endless joy. Amen.
St Bernadette - Pray for us.
GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



***SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00PM ON FRIDAY
CHILDREN CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES ON FRIDAY.
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR PROJECT COMPASSION.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of Term 1 has come around very quickly. These last 10 weeks have seen staff and children engaged in many different and exciting learning opportunities. It has been a very productive term, with children quickly settling into the routines of school and daily learning. Huge thanks to all our school community - children, staff, parents/carers - for their support in making it such a wonderful first term.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Butler and our Year 6 students who were awarded a prize in the 2025 Catholic Education Week Art Exhibition. In 2024, Mrs Butler and the then Year 5s painted a number of penguins as part of the Hobart 2024 Penguin Project. Printed copies were used to create the art work. The penguins and the artwork is inspired by John Brack's iconic painting *Collins St. 5pm*. Our *St Bernadette's, 3:15pm* is an amazing piece of work, and congratulations goes to all those who contributed to creating it.



St Bernadette's respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the owners of the land on which we live, play and learn at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

All students attending St. Bernadette's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

I would also like to announce that Mary Debrincat, one of our Learning Support Officers is moving to Thomas Carr College in Tarneit from the beginning of Term 2. Mary will be sadly missed here at St Bernadette's, as she has contributed greatly to our school community, in the support she has given both staff and students over the past 14 and a half years. We wish Mary all the best in her future endeavours.

As we are in the final week of term and the Easter holidays are coming up, I kindly ask that you refrain from bringing chocolate eggs or gifts to share with the children. This is in line with our 'No Sharing Food' policy, which is in place to ensure the safety of all students. Sharing food can pose serious risks, particularly for children with allergies. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

At the end of the coming school holidays, all Christians enter into a most significant time of the year - the Easter Season - where we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to take time over these sacred and special days to recognise the true meaning of Easter – to acknowledge what Jesus did and to acknowledge God's great love for us in sacrificing his Son. We are not only Australians enjoying a few days off work as a family, but we are also Catholics/Christians whose God loves us unconditionally and that our Saviour and best friend - Jesus Christ - gave us the ultimate gift—His life!

Term 1 finishes FRIDAY 4TH APRIL at 1:00PM. Children can wear casual clothes on this day. Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to go towards Project Compassion.



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Wishing you and your families a safe and restful holiday. May your Easter be blessed and Holy and filled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Have a wonderful holiday,

Mrs Chapman
Acting Principal



PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

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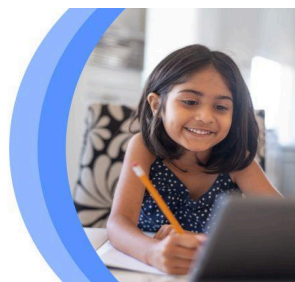
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UNIFORM - WINTER UNIFORM NOW AVAILABLE

Our supply of Winter uniforms has arrived. Please complete an order form, or come into the office to purchase the items you need.

We also have a very healthy supply of second hand uniforms, especially jumpers, in the office. These are available, in person, at the office for \$5 a piece.

EXCITING NEWS Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - CLOSING SOON



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ENROL NOW 2026

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2026 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2026, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au WHERE YOU CAN **BOOK A TOUR** AND/OR COMPLETE AN **ENROLMENT ENQUIRY**.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025 (as at 19/3/25)

- **End of Term Mass** - Friday 4th April @ 9:15am
- **School Term 1 finishes** - Friday 4th April @ 1:00pm
- **Beginning of Term 2** - Tuesday 22nd April

SACRAMENTS

- **First Eucharist (Year 4)** - June 21st (6:30pm) and June 22nd (11:00am)
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Wednesday 27th August @ 7:00pm
- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm

CAMPS

- **Year 5/6 Camp** - April 22 - 24
- **Year 4 Camp** - September 10 - 12
- **Year 3 Camp** - October 14 - 15

SCHOOL PRODUCTION WEEK

The 2025 School production will take place in the week Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October.

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

Monday 21st April - Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Friday 25th April - Public Holiday - ANZAC Day

Monday 9th June - Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Wednesday 11th June - School Closure Day - Staff Conference (NEW)

Thursday 3rd July - No School - Learning Conversations

Friday 31st October - No School - Time in Lieu

Monday 3rd November - No School - Time in Lieu

Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 2nd December - School Closure Day - Planning Day for 2026

ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music is offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. Lessons are available for guitar, keyboards, drums and voice. For more information and how to enrol, please visit www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment.



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CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia are our before and after school care provider. Please contact them on 1300 105 343 or email info@campaustralia.com.au should you wish to book a place.



Camp Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Elders, both past and present.